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SUBJECT: GOC POSITION ON ANTI-ZIONISM RESOLUTION

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1. FOLLOWING UP BRIEF APPROACH BY AMBASSADOR TO FONMIN CHRISTOPHIDES JUST BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE FOR NEW YORK, DCM RAISED ANTI-ZIONISM RESOLUTION NOVEMBER 3 WITH MFA DIRGEN PELAGHIAS. IN RATHER DEFENSIVE REACTION, PELAGHIAS SAID HE UNDERSTOOD FULLY USG POSITION BUT COULD ONLY SAY THAT GOC STANCE ON UPCOMING UNGA VOTE STILL UNDECIDED. CLUTCHING HIS THROAT DRAMATICALLY, PELAGHIAS SAID "THEY (PRESUMABLY THE ARABS) HAVE US RIGHT HERE" AND NOTED THAT IT WOULD BE UP TO FONMIN CHRISTOPHIDES, IN NEW YORK, TO FIND SOME WAY TO HANDLE THIS DELICATE PROBLEM.

2. ISRAELI AMBASSADOR HAD LONG SESSION WITH MAKARIOS NOVEMBER 5

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AND CAME AWAY WITH IMPRESSION THAT "CAUSE IS NOT ENTIRELY HOPE-

LESS". MEETING CONCLUDED WITH MAKARIOS' PROMISE TO INSTRUCT CHRISTOPHIDES "TO FIND SOME WAY TO EVADE THE ISSUE". ISRAELI AMBASSADOR PRESSED MAKARIOS TO HAVE GOC REP ABSENT DURING VOTE, IF ABSTENTION IMPOSSIBLE. HE GAINED IMPRESSION THAT MAKARIOS MIGHT POSSIBLY SO INSTRUCT CHRISTOPHIDES BUT ADMITTED THAT EVEN THIS WAS LONG SHOT.

3. GERMAN AMBASSADOR SAW PELAGHIAS NOVEMBER 4 TO URGE DEFEAT OR DEFERRAL OF ANTI-ZIONISM RESOLUTION. HE CAME AWAY PESSIMISTIC BUT BELIEVED GOC SUSCEPTIBLE TO CHANGE.

4. ITALIAN AMBASSADOR ALSO SAW PELAGHIAS (NOVEMBER 6) AND REPORTS HE GOT VIRTUALLY IDENTICAL RESPONSE FROM THE LATTER: GOC FEELS ITSELF BETWEEN THE DEVIL AND THE DEEP BLUE SEA. IT DOES NOT WANT TO DISAPPOINT THE ARABS AND OTHER SUPPORTERS OF THE RESOLUTION WHO ARE POTENTIAL SUPPORTERS OF THE CYPRUS RESOLUTION. DEPENDING ON MAKARIOS' ULTIMATE DECISION, GOC INCLINED EITHER TO ABSTAIN OR BE ABSENT. PELAGHIAS SAID, "IT IS VERY DOUBTFUL AT THIS TIME THAT WE WOULD FAVOR EITHER SUPPORTERS OR OPPONENTS OF THE RESOLUTION".

5. AS OF MORNING NOVEMBER 7, BRITISH AND FRENCH TELL US THAT THEY HAVE NO REPEAT NO INSTRUCTIONS TO MAKE DEMARCHE TO GOC. BRITISH, IN FACT, SAY THEY INTEND ASSUME LOW PROFILE ON ANTI-ZIONISM RESOLUTION.

6. EMBASSY CONCLUSION: WE BELIEVE GOC POSITION MAY HAVE SLIGHTLY AWAY FROM PREVIOUS SUPPORT FOR ANTI-ZIONISM RESOLUTION AND THAT THERE IS NOW AN OUTSIDE CHANCE THAT IT MAY ARRANGE TO BE ABSENT DURING VOTE. ABSTENTION IS REMOTELY POSSIBLE; VOTE AGAINST RESOLUTION SEEMS VIRTUALLY OUT OF THE QUESTION. ALTHOUGH FURTHER TALKS WITH CHRISTOPHIDES MAY BE HELPFUL, HE IS HANDICAPPED BY PRESENCE OF LYSSARIDES AND, IN END, WILL OBVIOUSLY FOLLOW MAKARIOS' INSTRUCTION.
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